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The Garland Family

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More Historic Notes Of The Garland Family Of Nfld.

HR. GRACE—The prominent family of Davis of Carbonear had obviously intermarried with the Garland family of Harbour Grace about 1750.

It seems probable the Davis stock found since 1800 at Freshwater and long before that at Mosquito (Bristol's Hope), Hr. Grace and Carbonear are from the original ancestor in Nfld. either at Mosquito or Carbonear. The prominent 18th century figure in Harbour Grace of Charles Davis Garland—respected name at Harbour Grace since then. In Harbour Grace today there is Charles Davis Garland (Irving Oil Co.), a grandson of one Charles Davis Garland who died at Hr. Grace in 1944.

In both Carbonear tradition of the Davis family and written in one of the standard history books the Davis of that day is associated with the Garland of the Seven Years War period in defence of Carbonear and Harbour Grace from the French.

In the possession of this writer is a photograph of a dwelling house far out in Bear's Cove in which Sheriff Garland

and probably his ancestors lived. This house was later owned and lived in by a family of O'Keefe's (this was situated near what is known in Hr. Grace as O'Keefe's Grove). It has since been removed.

An original picture of Surrogate Garland is in the possession of Miss Rita Lee of this town who claims to be a descendant of his.

A manuscript by the late H. P. Shortis to be found in the Gosling Memorial Library states the following: Of the Garland family Emeline Garland and one child in Hr. Grace, John Garland, wife and 4 children in Bristol's Hope.

This also mentions "A document, now posted in an old family Bible in the Garland family possession from the British Government thanking Charles Garland for his defence service against the French."

Some mention of the Garland family may be found in the following: The Garland family church registers at Trinity and Hr. Grace the Slade letter books and two occurrence books (Bonavista).

John Earle, who so gallantly defended Little Bell Island was married to a sister of Magistrate George Garland. The Garlands were relatives of the firms in Trinity and Poole carrying on one of the largest businesses in Newfoundland. Charles Davis Garland who succeeded his father as Magistrate of Conception Bay became more famous as the defender of Carbonear Island in 1762 as already stated.

In 1889, when Sir Henry Blake was Governor of Newfoundland, Lady Blake got in touch with the Garland family at Harbour Grace saying that she was a relative and knew their connections from family traditions in Devonshire.

Rev. Laurence Coughlan in 1765 took charge of the first church in Conception Bay, St Paul's Church of England, just erected.

Charles Garland, the magistrate, presented the land on which the church was built as a free gift. It was a corner taken from the Garland property which bounded the church property on the north east and south and the building faced what was known in 1800 as the Church Path. The magistrate gave this land for the religious welfare of the people and established harbour landmarks for the welfare of the sailors.

Henry Garland, deputy sheriff of Newfoundland for several years died at Harbour Grace on June 3rd, 1845, at the age of 73 years. Gaden C. Garland, for twenty years sheriff of the Northern District of Newfoundland died at Harbour Grace on April 3rd, 1868, at the age of 61 years. Another Garland carried on an extensive business at Triton, and when representative government was granted to Newfoundland, he was elected as first member for Trinity District and became first speaker of the first Legislature. Before the completion of the session, he left for England and died at Stowe Park, Wilsbourne, on June 12th, 1875, at the age of 83 years.

HARBOUR GRACE—The following articles are taken from historical notes of the Garland family in Newfoundland and given to the Daily News by one who felt that they might be of interest to some of our readers.

William Charles St. John who was the editor of the Harbour Grace Weekly Herald, was held as an authority on Newfoundland history.

He was the grandson of old Magistrate Charles Garland, who at his own expense defended Carbonear Island against the French in 1762, and received the thanks of the British Government for the same. Oliver St. John, from Tipperary, who could trace his descent from Oliver Cromwell had married the oldest daughter of Charles Garland, the chief magistrate.

The Garland family took a leading part in the early history of Newfoundland and can be traced back as far as Whitbourne's book of 1671 Surrogate Charles Garland purchased his Harbour Grace property, 150 yards from the sea front on which he had four houses, three gardens and one meadow from Nicholas Flott, a merchant of Jersey for Fifty Pounds in 1771.

The Garland family has long been residents of Harbour Grace and are mentioned in the census of 1675, taken by Admiral Sir John Berry. This census is noteworthy because the names of all people were listed and not merely enumerated.

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